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SUBJ: ECOSOC 58TH SESSION - ECONOMIC COMMITTEE PROGRAM OF WORK

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1. THE FIRST SESSION THIS P.M., ECONOMIC COMITE ELECTED
R. D. STURKEY (AUSTRALIA) AND A. AUGUST (TNT) VICE CHAIRMAN.
ITEMS 10, 11 AND 12 ALLOCATED TO COMITE.

2. CHAIRMAN MILLS OPENED BY CITING DOCUMENTATION NOT YET
AVAILABLE TO COMITE, THEREBY IMPEDING EARLY CONSIDERATION OF
ITEMS. HE THEN PROPOSED THAT REMAINDER THIS WEEK BE USED
TO INTRA-GROUP CONSULTATIONS WITH PROGRAM OF WORK TO PROCEED
AS FOLLOWS: WEEK OF APRIL 14 - REPORT OF STATISTICAL COMMISSION,
ITEM 12; WEEK OF APRIL 21 - POPULATION QUESTIONS (ITEM
11). THEREAFTER, MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL WOULD COMMENCE.
REPORT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION EXPERTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
SHORTLY. CDP ALSO PRESENTLY IN SESSION AND WILL NOT ADJOURN
UNTIL APRIL 18. THE TDB REPORT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE GENEVA
APRIL 21. THUS, UNDER PRESENT CONSIDERATIONS FORMAL WORK
ON R & A COULD NOT COMMENCE PRIOR TO APRIL 28. INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN INTERIM.

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COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL PLENARY DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS. IN THIRD WEEK PLENARY WILL CONSIDER PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1976-1979. FOR THE MOMENT, THE BULK OF THIS SESSION WILL CONCENTRATE ON ITEM 4, 7, 8, 10, 11 AND 13. THE PREOCCUPATION OF REPS WILL BE WITH ITEM 10. ALTHOUGH DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO GIVE IN-DEPTH FORMAL ATTENTION TO THE ITEM WILL BE AVAILABLE TOO LATE FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION THIS SESSION.

3. SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO FORMALLY PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF THE WORKING PARTY OF ACASTD. THIS PROPOSAL MET WITH CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE BY SOME DELEGATIONS WITH RESULT THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ARE TO BE HELD. WE SURMISE THAT THE SYG WILL SUCCEED IN POSTPONING SESSION TO A SPECIFIC DATE EARLY IN 1976. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED IT WOULD NOT AFFECT AVAILABILITY OF ACASTD ITSELF TO CONSIDER REPORT OF WORKING GROUP AT ITS THIRD SESSION.

4. IN POINT OF FACT, WE ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF STRINGING OUT OVER FIVE WEEKS, A WORK PROGRAM THAT COULD EASILY BE COMPLETED IN HALF THE TIME, IF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE. THE USUN RECOMMENDS THAT DELEGATES HANDLING IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF POPULATION ITEM ARRIVE APRIL 21 AND THAT TANK BE ON HAND FOR CONSULTATIONS AND MEETINGS NO LATER THAN APRIL 24.

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